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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ex: T. Amold III

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For

: INNER SOLE FOR A SHOE

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION WITH AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are being submitted pususant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please rewrite claim 30 as new claim 31:

31. (New) The inner sole of a shoe, comprising:

a sole base body, defining a sole surface and having a forefoot joint area, a metatarsus/tarsus area, a metatarsus/heel transition area, a heel area, and a plantar arch area;

- a sole cover layer;
- a first cushioned layer provided in said forefoot joint area;
- a second cushioned layer provided in said metatarsus/tarsus transition area;